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SUBJECT: Possible Presidential Initiative on Berlin (C)

The Berlin Interagency Group's paper (STATE 8708578) sets out the advantages and disadvantages of a possible Presidential "Berlin Aviation Initiative." It also briefly outlines other political, social, and cultural initiatives on Berlin that the President might include in his June 12 Berlin speech. (S)

As a next step, the NSC staff will chair an informal meeting on April 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the White House Situation Room. The meeting will review the possible options on aviation as well as the other political, social, and cultural initiatives on Berlin briefly outlined in the Interagency Group (IG) paper. The IG lists various approaches to the options. Agencies should be prepared to state their views on the options. (S)

The State Department has been tasked separately to provide the NSC a draft Presidential Berlin address by April 28. (C)

The purpose of the April 15 meeting is to reach agreement, as far as possible, on the Berlin air initiative and other points that could be included in the President's draft speech. If there are disagreements, the informal group can either recommend dropping a particular initiative all together or have any disputed points considered by the PRG. (S)

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The informal group also needs to focus on how best to consult with Allies about these possible initiatives, including possible dispatch of Presidential letters to selected Allied leaders. (S)

Please inform Peter Sommer's office (395-5732) of the names and birthdates of your attendees. (U)



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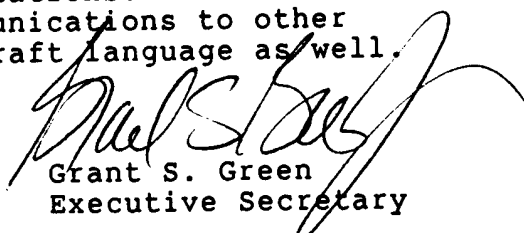
SUBJECT: Presidential Initiative on Berlin (LOU)

As the President's visit to Berlin (June 12) approaches, we need to accelerate the preparation of the proposals and initiatives to be included in his speech at the Brandenburg Gate. (C)

The Department of State has already taken the lead in a valuable review of possible proposals concerning the Berlin air corridors and civil air regime. This work should now be accelerated. The interagency group on air issues should submit a report to the NSC for circulation to Policy Review Group members not later than March 27. (C)

In addition, the State Department should bring together and accelerate informal work already done on initiatives in other areas. A full list of such options, with discussion and recommendations, should be circulated with the report on air issues. (U)

A package of significant proposals will require considerable consultation with key allies before June. The report for the PRG should therefore include a strategy and gameplan for implementation, including such consultations. If consultations will require Presidential communications to other heads of government, please include draft language as well. (U)

  
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